(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) वायुदूत के अधिकांश स्टेशनों पर ए-320 विमान के प्रचालन के लिए आधारभूत संरचनात्मक सुविधाएं अपर्याप्त हैं।

देश में होटलों में स्वच्छता का स्तर

470. श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में पर्यटन के विकास के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि हमारे देश के होटल स्वच्छता के मामले में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के नहीं हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस मामले में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) देश में पर्यटन का संवर्धन करने के लिए उठाए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित कदमों में शामिल हैं--पर्यटक आकर्षणों और सुविधाओं का विकास करना और विदेशों में प्रचार और संवर्धन को तेज करना।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

New fare structure of Indian Airlines

471. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TROURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines have introduced a new fare structure, considerably reducing the fares in certain sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what criteria have been adopted in evolving the new fare structure?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A new fare structure has not been introduced. Indian Airlines offers special fares on specific sectors depending on the market situation.

Joint Venture Company with Singapore Airlines

472. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Singapore Airlines is planning to float a joint venture company in India to provide support services its off-shore locations; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A team of Officers from Singapore airlines had visited International Airports Authority of India during October, 1993. The team showed interest in setting up aircraft maintenance facilities in India. Their requirement was limited to Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. However, no specific proposal has been received from them so far.

Mechanical problems in the A-320 Aircraft

473. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports regarding serious mechanical problems being faced by French domestic airlines in the use of newly-delivered A-320 aircraft of Airbus Industries; if so, will Government review its schedule of further purchase of the aircraft to be supplied by the same company; and

(b) whether in view of the past Indian experience with the new versions of Airbus and the latest French reports, Government would make their stand clear on the safety of these aircraft supplied by the Airbus Industries and the sophisticated infrastructure required to be set up to handle them with absolute safety?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The press report is about Airbus A-330 aircraft and not about A-320 aircraft.

(b) Airbus A-300 and A-320 aircraft in operation Airlines have the required certificates of airworthiness. Necessary infrastructure to handle these aircraft is available with Indian Airlines, and is under constant surveillance by Director General of Civil Aviation.

Visit of the Minister of Tourism to UAE

474. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Tourism had recently led a 14-Member delegation to United Arab Emirates (UAE) to promote Indian tourism there, if so, what is the impact of this visit, including the estimated number of UAE tourists expected in the coming years;

(b) what are the details of efforts made by the delegation in UAE, giving the details of important meetings held and places visited;

(c) what are the special measures taken or contemplated to be taken to cater to the tastes and requirements of UAE tourists when they visit India; and

(d) what are the names of the Members of the delegation and the criteria for their selection and whether Government would consider sending such high level delegation in other regions of the world to promote Indian tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism led a delegation to the following countries from 27th January to 6th February, 1994;—

(1) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
(2) Oman
(3) Bahrain
(4) Qatar
(5) Kuwait
(6) Jordan

The programme comprised of an "India Evening' presentation jointly organised by the Indian Embassy, Air India and the Department of Tourism. The target audience included the travel trade in the respective countries, Non-Resident Indians, local opinion makers and prominent people as well as other expatriates in the respective countries. Wide media coverage through Television, Newspapers and Radio was organised. The effort was to generate closer inter- action between the travel trade and the travelling public in these countries and the Indian travel industry. It was also intended to generate confidence in India as safe and attractive destination. The special programme was done in the background of the steep drop in tourist arrivals in the aftermath of the events in Ayodhya and bomb blasts in several parts of the country. The visit was part of a campaign which included several delegations to other countries in Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Southern Africa, Far East countries, etc. The delegation comprised of representatives of the travel trade and hotel industry, State Government representatives and officials of Departments of Tourism and Civil Aviation and has been very effective in creating a turn around in tourist arrivals resulting in record arrivals in the months of December, 1993 and January, 1994. Meetings also took place with important dignitaries including Heads of State and wide ranging discussions relating to Civil Aviation and Tourism were held. Tourism promotion is a continuing activity of the Department of Tourism.

A list of the members of the delegation is enclosed in a Statement.

Statement

List of Delegation

1. Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad,
   Minister of Civil Aviation & Tourism
2. Shri J. Sanyal,
   Addl. Director General (Tourism)
3. Shri R. Subramanian,
   Managing Director,
   Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd.
4. Shri S.S. Chandel,
   Director (Tourism),
   Government of Himachal Pradesh
5. Shri S. Krishnan,
   Director of Tourism,
   Government of Uttar Pradesh